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under ATCC accession number 203654, or

Sub D2
(d) the amino acids encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203654 lacking its associated signal peptide encoding region; wherein said isolated polypeptide is capable of inducing the production of TNF- α in human leukemia monocytic THP-1 cells.

72. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 71 which comprises the amino acid residues 1 to 197 of SEQ ID NO:3.

73. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 71 which comprises the amino acid residues 19 to 177 of SEQ ID NO:3.

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74. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 72 which comprises the amino acids encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203654.

75. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 72 which comprises the amino acids encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203654 lacking its associated signal peptide encoding region.

Sub D3
76. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising:
(a) amino acid residues 1 to 197 of SEQ ID NO:3,
(b) amino acid residues 19 to 197 of SEQ ID NO:3,
(c) the amino acids encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203654, or

(d) the amino acids encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203654 lacking its associated signal peptide encoding region.

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77. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 76 comprising amino acid residues 1 to 197 of SEQ ID NO:3.

78. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 76 comprising amino acid residues 19 to 197 of SEQ ID NO:3.

79. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 76 comprising the amino acids encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203654.

80. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 76 comprising the amino acids encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203654 lacking its associated signal peptide encoding region.

81. (New) A chimeric polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to Claim 71 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

82. (New) The chimeric polypeptide of Claim 81, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is an epitope tag or an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.--
